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SUBJECT: PORTUGAL OPPOSES THE ITSO DG PUSH FOR ARBITRATION

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On July 3 Jose Barros, Director of External Relations for ANACOM, the Portuguese National Communications Authority, said Portugal opposes International Telecommunications Satellite Organization (ITSO) Director General Toumi's push for arbitration against the U.S. and U.K. Portugal will attend the July 8-9 Rome meeting and looks forward to discussing this matter further with the U.S. delegation.

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